

Titan language

Titan, also known as **Manus**, is an East Manus language of the Austronesian language family spoken in the southeastern part of Manus Island, New Guinea, and neighboring islands by about 4,000 people.

Titan has a bilabial trill and prenasalized consonants, as in [ⁿrakei?in] 'girls' and [^mButukei] 'wooden plate'.

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Phonology

Phonology of the Titan language:

Consonant sounds

	Labial		Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
	plain	lab.				
Plosive	p	(p ^w)	t	c	k	(?)
Nasal	m	(m ^w)	n	ɲ	ŋ	
Fricative	v		s			h
Prenasalized Trill	^m B		ⁿ dr			
Trill			r			
Lateral			l			
Approximant	w			j		

Consonant sounds in parentheses are only inferred to exist in Titan, or to exist in other dialects of Titan.

Titan	
<i>Manus</i>	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Manus & neighboring islands
Native speakers	(3,900 cited 1992) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Oceanic ▪ Admiralty Islands ▪ Eastern Admiralty Islands ▪ Manus ▪ East Manus ▪ Titan
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ttv
Glottolog	tita1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/tita1241) ^[2]

Vowel sounds

	Front	Central	Back
High	i		u
	ɪ		
Mid	e		o
Low		a	

An /e/ sound may also be interchangeable with an open-mid sound /ɛ/.^[3]

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Further reading

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External links

- Kaipuleohone's collection of [Robert Blust's](#) field materials include [audio recordings](#) and [written materials](#) for Titan
- Paradisec has a number of collections with Titan language materials (http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?language_code=ttv).

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